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SUBJ: SMUN PROTEST CONCERNING INCIDENTS AT MISSION FROM JUNE
18-20 AND GRODSKY AUTO BURNING

1. SMUN HAS SENT USUN NOTE VERBALE COMPLAINING ABOUT
VARIOUS INCIDENTS OUTSIDE SMUN AND ELSEWHERE DURING PERIOD
FROM JUNE 18-20. TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

" BEGINNING JUNE 18, 1973, FROM EARLY MORNING UNTIL LATE
AT NIGHT GROUP OF ZIONIST ELEMENTS HAS BEEN ORGANIZING MOB
GATHERINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF THE UN MISSION' S
BUILDING WITH CLEARLY HOSTILE INTENT. IN THIS CONNECTION,
ATTENTION MUST BE DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT THE ZIONIST ORGANI-
ZATIONS CONDUCT THESE HOSTILE AND PROVOCATIVE MOB GATHERINGS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS IN
ADVANCE, A FACT WHICH IS UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO KNOWN TO THE U. S.
AUTHORITIES.

' PARTICIPANTS IN THESE GATHERINGS DISPLAY PLACARDS AND
BANNERS WITH ANTI- SOVIET INSCRIPTIONS, SHOUT HOSTILE INSULTS
AND UNMENTIONALBE INVECTIVES AT THE USSR MISSION' S PERSONNEL,
AT MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND OTHER PERSONS VISITING AND
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LEAVING THE MISSION' S BUILDING. ALL THIS HOSTILE AND PROVOCA-
TIVE HULLABALOO TAKES PLACE IN THE PRESENCE OF POLICEMEN
CHARGED WITH ENSURING SAFETY OF THE MISSION' S BUILDING AND
PERSONNEL. IN SPITE OF REPEATED APPEALS TO POLICE AUTHORITIES,

POLICE DO NOT TAKE ANY STEPS TO PREVENT SUCH HOSTILE AND PROVOCATIVE ACTS AGAINST USSR MISSION.

' USSR MISSION HAS REPEATEDLY AND INSISTENTLY APPEALED TO USUN AND ALSO TO POLICE TO HAVE APPROPRIATE STEPS TAKEN TO STOP AND PREVENT SUCH HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST SMUN. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE HAS ALSO RAISED MATTER AT MEETINGS OF THE UN COMITE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WAS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT AS A RESULT OF THESE UNCEASING ACTS BY ZIONIST ELEMENTS, ACTS WHICH ARE HOSTILE TOWARD SOVIET UNION, AND OBVIOUS NEGLIGENCE OF POLICE AND OTHER U. S. AUTHORITIES, A SITUATION HAS BEEN CREATED WHICH SERIOUSLY THREATENS SAFETY OF SMUN' S PERSONNEL AND BUILDING.

' ENCOURAGED BY ABSENCE OF ANY SORT OF COUNTERACTION ON THE PART OF OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES AND STIMULATED BY LACK OF PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR CRIMINAL ACTS OF HOOLIGANISM, ZIONIST ELEMENTS FROM THE NOTORIOUS GROUP WHICH CALLS ITSELF " JEWISH DEFENCE LEAGUE" ON NIGHT OF JUNE 19-20 COMMITTED A NUMBER OF NEW OUTRAGEOUS CRIMINAL ACTS. AT APPROXIMATELY 7 A. M. THEY ARRANGED ANOTHER HOSTILE MOB GATHERING NEAR BUILDING OF SMUN. INCITED BY HOSTILE AND PROVOCATIVE PROPAGANDA AND ANTI- SOVIET JEERS, THE DEMONSTRATORS STARTED THROWING ROCKS AT SMUN BUILDING. ONE OF THESE ROCKS WAS THROWN AT BUILDING' S MAIN ENTRANCE GLASS DOOR. ONLY THANKS TO A LUCKY COINCIDENCE DID IT HIT DOOR' S METAL FRAME INSTEAD OF THE GLASS, AND MISSION EMPLOYEE ON DUTY NEAR THE DOOR ESCAPED INJURY. ONE OF DEMONSTRATORS THREW A BOTTLE CONTAINING DYE WHICH DEFACED A CONSIDERABLE PART OF MISSION BUILDING' S WALL.

' IN THIS CONNECTION, ATTENTION MUST BE DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING INEXPLICABLE CIRCUMSTANCE. FOLLOWING THE PROMISE MADE BY AMB SCALI TO AMB Y. L. MALIK TO INCREASE PROTECTION OF THE MISSION BUILDING BY POLICEMEN AS WELL AS BY PLAIN-CLOTHES DETECTIVES, MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE MISSION BUILDING
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HAS RECENTLY BEEN REGULARLY GUARDED BY THREE POLICEMEN, WITH DETECTIVES NEARBY. HOWEVER, AT TIME WHEN THE HOSTILE ELEMENTS THREW A BRICK AT THAT DOOR AND ALSO BROKE A BOTTLE OF DYE AGAINST OUTER WALL OF THE MISSION BUILDING, THERE WERE NO POLICEMEN AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE MISSION BUILDING. THIS GIVES REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AFOREMENTIONED HOSTILE ACTS OF THE ZIONIST DEMONSTRATORS HAD BEEN CO-ORDINATED AND AGREED UPON WITH THE POLICEMEN ON DUTY AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE MISSION BUILDING. IN THIS CONNECTION IT MUST ALSO BE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH POLICE DID ARREST FOUR CRIMINALS, THEY WERE RELEASED VERY SOON THEREAFTER.

' ON SAME NIGHT, IN ANOTHER LOCATION, A SHOCKING ACT OF

PREMEDITATED VANDALISM WAS PERFORMED ON AN AUTOMOBILE BELONGING TO THE USSR MISSION. AT 4 A. M. AN AUTOMOBILE WITH DIPLOMATIC LICENSE PLATES DPL 805, PARKED ON 25 TH STREET IN FAR ROCKAWAY, OPPOSITE RESIDENCE OF A. V. GRODSKY, FIRST SECRETARY OF MISSION, WAS DRENCHED WITH GASOLINE AND SET ON FIRE BY PERSONS UNKNOWN. AUTOMOBILE BURNED UP AND BECAME A TOTAL LOSS.

' IN THE LIGHT OF AFOREMENTIONED FACTS, SMUN FINDS THAT IN SPITE OF REPEATED APPEALS TO THE USUN AND TO POLICE, AND IN SPITE OF THEIR PROMISE TO TAKE STEPS TO INCREASE THE PROTECTION OF SMUN' S BUILDING AND ITS PERSONNEL, SITUATION AS REGARDS SAFETY OF THE MISSION' S PERSONNEL AND BUILDING CONTINUES TO REMAIN THREATENING.

' MISSION HAS ALREADY REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT LACK OF ACTION ON THE PART OF THE POLICE AUTHORITIES, WHICH BORDERS ON CONNIVANCE WITH CRIMINAL ELEMENTS. THIS TIME IT CANNOT BUT COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IN THIS INSTANCE THERE WAS NOT ONLY CONNIVANCE, BUT ALSO DIRECT ENCOURAGEMENT, IN THAT THE POLICEMEN ON DUTY HAD ABANDONED THEIR USUAL POST AT THE MISSION' S MAIN ENTRANCE.

' FURTHERMORE, MISSION ALSO CANNOT BUT TAKE NOTE OF THE LACK OF ACTION ON THE PART OF U. S. COURTS WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO FOR THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN COMMITTING HOSTILE AND CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THE BUILDING AND PERSONNEL OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. NONE OF THESE NUMEROUS HOSTILE ELEMENTS WHO COMMITTED CRIMINALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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PUNISHABLE ACTS AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS PERSONNEL, AND WHO WERE ARRESTED BY POLICE AND TURNED OVER TO COURT AUTHORITIES, HAS SO FAR BEEN CONVICTED UNDER PROVISIONS OF FEDERAL LAW REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF UNITED STATES.

' SUCH A SITUATION CANNOT BUT ENCOURAGE THESE ELEMENTS TO COMMIT NEW CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS PERSONNEL.

' IN VIEW OF THE AFORESAID, SMUN LODGES A STRONG PROTEST, AND ONCE AGAIN INSISTENTLY DEMANDS THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF USSR MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL, AND THAT NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR THEIR STAY AND FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS BE CREATED.

' SMUN ALSO EMPHATICALLY DEMANDS THAT MOB GATHERINGS OF HOSTILE ELEMENTS IN THE BLOCK OF 67 TH STREET BETWEEN LEXINGTON AND THIRD AVENUES BE HALTED AND PREVENTED, AND THAT THOSE GUILTY OF THE CRIMINAL ACTS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTE BE PUNISHED.

' SMUN INSISTS ON IMMEDIATE COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE IT HAS SUFFERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MISSION' S AUTOMOBILE AND ALSO FOR THE EXPENSE INCURRED IN REMOVING THE DYE FROM MISSION' S BUILDING."

2. PLEASE ADVISE OF DEPT' S VIEWS ON SMUN' S REQUEST FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR REMOVING DYE FROM SMUN BUILDING. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT GRODSKY LOSS HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO LUMBERMAN' S MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY FOR SETTLEMENT.
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